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For: HIGH SURFACE AREA, SMALL CRYSTALLITE SIZE FOR FISCHER-TROPSCH  
SYNTHESIS

## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER §1.97(b)(4)

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, the references listed below are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application:

1. U.S. Patent No. 5,874,381 issued February 23, 1999 to Bonne et al.;
2. U.S. Patent No. 4,093,450 issued June 6, 1978 to Doyle et al.;
3. International Patent Publication No. WO 01/62381 published August 30, 2001 to Imperial Chemical Industries;
4. Non-patent literature by VAN DE LOOSDRECHT, J. et al., "Preparation and Properties of Supported Cobalt catalysts for Fischer-Tropsch Synthesis"; Applied Catalysis A: General; 13 March 1997; pages 365-376; Vol 150, no. 2; Elsevier Science, Amsterdam, NL; and
5. Non-patent literature by MING, HUI et al.; "Characterization of cobalt Fischer-Tropsch catalysts I. Unpromoted cobalt-silica gel catalysts"; Applied Catalysis A: General; 1995; pages 23-36; Vol 123; Elsevier Science, Amsterdam, NL.

The above-identified references were cited in a Supplementary European Search Report dated January 17, 2006. A copy of this search report and documents 3-5 listed above are provided. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the US Patents are not provided.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114 and accordingly, satisfies paragraph (b), item (4) of 37 CFR § 1.97. In addition, this information is submitted in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.98.

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